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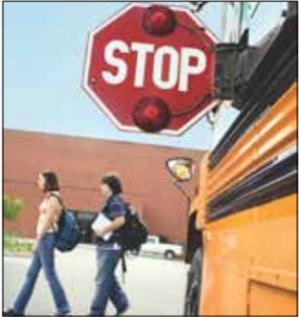
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20,000 in 2020?



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An aerial view of Appalachian State University's campus in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Amid 'uncertain' higher ed environment, App State sets fall 2020 enrollment target

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Appalachian State is setting its sights on a fall 2020 enrollment of 20,000 students, with Chancellor Sheri Everts and other administrators noting earlier this month that continued growth is vital to the institution's financial sustainability and its standing across the state.

Administrators spoke to the Appalachian State Board of Trustees at its Sept. 13 quarterly meeting about the university's growth and retention metrics and strategies amid a climate of uncertainty for higher education.

"We are approaching a landmark enrollment rate of 20,000," Everts said in her remarks to trustees. "Reaching our goal of 20,000 students will not only bring in the

tuition revenue we need, it will also bolster our position in Chapel Hill and in Raleigh.

"Funding is tight for academic institutions, and the landscape for higher education is uncertain. We have all seen the recent headlines about campuses merging or closing their doors, and surveys and studies tell us this trend is likely to continue."

This fall, Appalachian

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Boone council approves downtown tax district additions

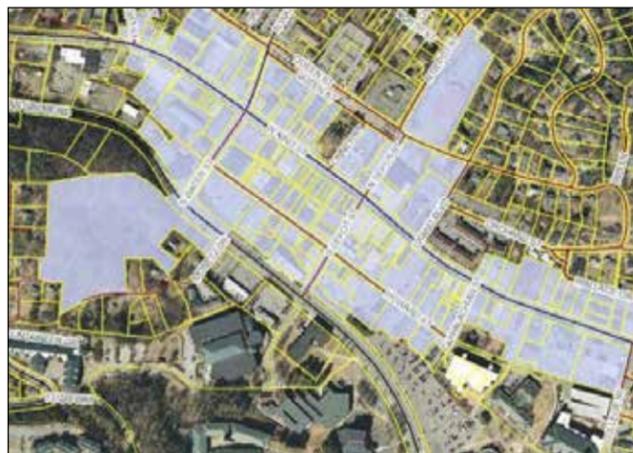
Vaping, smoking ordinances discussed

BY THOMAS SHERRILL

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BOONE — The Boone Town Council on Sept. 19 voted unanimously to expand Boone's Municipal Service District to include nine new downtown parcels.

The vote followed a public hearing held by the council



SOURCE: BOONE GIS

Boone Municipal Service District boundaries, as of 2015, are shown in this photo.

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